

► SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Brown: program 'valuable experience'**'Best of the Best' internship winds up first semester**By KEVIN MCCLINTOCK
STAFF WRITER

Three Missouri Southern students got to experience the real business world this past semester.

They were winners of the "Best of the Best" internship program. Dan Culbertson, senior accounting major; Karri Chasten, junior economics and finance major; and Michelle Brown, marketing major, were hand-picked from more than 50 applicants to spend the semester with area businesses.

The internship program provided the students with a realistic picture of what business in America is like, such as how functions are organized and tasks are carried out.

Brown said the program presented her with real experience, and much more.

"The program allowed us to use concepts we learned in the classroom and to apply them to real work situations," Brown said. "It's

good because we can take the knowledge from the internship and apply them at a later date, after graduation."

Having a 3.0 GPA and at least 60 credit hours are two of many requirements needed for students to obtain internship positions. A selection process by James Gray, Dean of the School of Business, and interviews with Bernie Johnson, coordinator of the internship program, began the act.

"It was a long process," Brown said. "After the field had been narrowed down a bit, resumes were sent out to the organizations participating in the program, and they decided who they wanted as their intern. It wasn't like the school picked out a business and said, 'you're working here.' The organizations themselves interviewed you and decided who was the best one for their needs."

"It was such a long and drawn out process, and so many people had applied for the positions, that I really didn't expect to win. It was very surprised when they told me I had."

Throughout the semester, she faced situations the classroom had not prepared her for.

"In the classroom, they teach you an item with three steps," Brown said. "Out there, each of those three steps have 10 extra, tiny steps."

"There are some huge differences between the learning of how things work, compared to how they say it's going to work."

"Many times I faced situations where I had to use communication skills when dealing with people. I never learned this in school. It was more difficult than I had imagined."

The internship includes a three-hour credit course taken as an elective.

It also requires the students to file regular reports with Johnson, to complete outside reading assignments, and to turn in a 25- to 30-page paper at the course's conclusion.

Brown said the program has given her pleasure, despite the work.

"It's been a valuable experience," she said. "You apply your knowledge, get to learn new items about business, and gain classroom credit."

"The people I have worked for have been so wonderful, and all of this looks great on a resume. I don't see how anyone can turn down such a great opportunity."

SPREADING THE WORD



Several members of Gideons International, Joplin and Carthage camps, were on campus yesterday to hand out copies of the New Testament Bibles to students outside the Billingsly Student Center and the Lions' Den.

► INTERNATIONAL MISSION

19 students bound for OxfordBy MARNIE CROW
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Nineteen students and two faculty members have been selected to attend the Oxford summer study program in England which begins July 1.

To date, 112 students and 13 faculty members have been a part of the program.

In order to participate, students must be seniors or entering their senior year, and have a grade point average of 3.5.

Faculty participants had to apply and discuss why they wanted to go, and how the trip would benefit the school. All applicants were chosen

by an honors committee.

Six students and one faculty member will be making the journey during the first session July 5-14.

Students for session one include: Daniel Culbertson, Kevin Harboli, Linda Moslry, Robin Putnam, Tosha Turner, and Anette Walker.

Faculty participant for this session is Dr. Elizabeth Rozell, assistant professor of business administration.

Rozell was very happy to be chosen for this trip.

"When I applied, I wasn't sure exactly what was going on," she said. "I wasn't sure if it would be competitive. All I knew was that I

wanted to go."

Rozell will be taking the English Monasteries and Cathedrals of the Middle Ages class.

"We're going to be doing a lot of little tours in the monasteries and cathedrals class," she said. "It should be very interesting."

Students for session two, July 14 through Aug. 14, include: Jon Anderson, Michelle Brown, Karri Chasten, Eric Cummings, Teresa Frizzell, Lara Grandy, Pamela Harboli, Beverly Neal, D. Elaine Potts, Nancy Short, Pamela Short, Elizabeth Wilson and Deborah Wood. Faculty participant for the session will be Dr. C. Elmer Freeman, director of retention.

► OMICRON DELTA EPSILON

Group holds induction ceremony**Economic, finance majors gain honors**By CHRISTY MYERS
STAFF WRITER

Omicron Delta Epsilon held a ceremony in which seven new members were inducted April 12 at the Billingsly Student Center.

"Omicron Delta Epsilon is an

honorary organization for people majoring in economics and finance," said Dr. Duane Eberhardt, faculty advisor and professor of economics.

The certificates given at the ceremony were awarded by Dr. James Gray, dean of the school of business.

There are certain qualifications students must meet to be a member of organization.

"To be a inducted, a student must have earned a 3.0 [grade-point]

average for at least 12 hours of economics," Eberhardt said.

The individuals who qualified for induction were: Patricia A. Krueger, Leslie Ann Rieman, and Karen Ann Betz.

JoAnn Rainwater, Amy R. Thomlinson, Bill Vanatta, and Nancy C. Moger were also inducted during the ceremony.

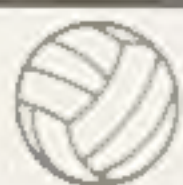
For further information on Omicron Delta Epsilon, persons may contact Eberhardt at 625-9536.

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COMMENCEMENT

Plans set for 25th ceremony

By CATHERINE ROSS
STAFF WRITER

It has been 25 years, and the commencement program will remain the same.

This year will mark Missouri Southern's 25th graduating class since the College became a four-year institution.

The diplomas will have an emblem on the back acknowledging the anniversary.

This year's commencement speaker will be Lt. Gov. Roger Wilson.

The ceremony will be 10 a.m. Saturday, May 22 at Hughes Stadium if the weather permits.

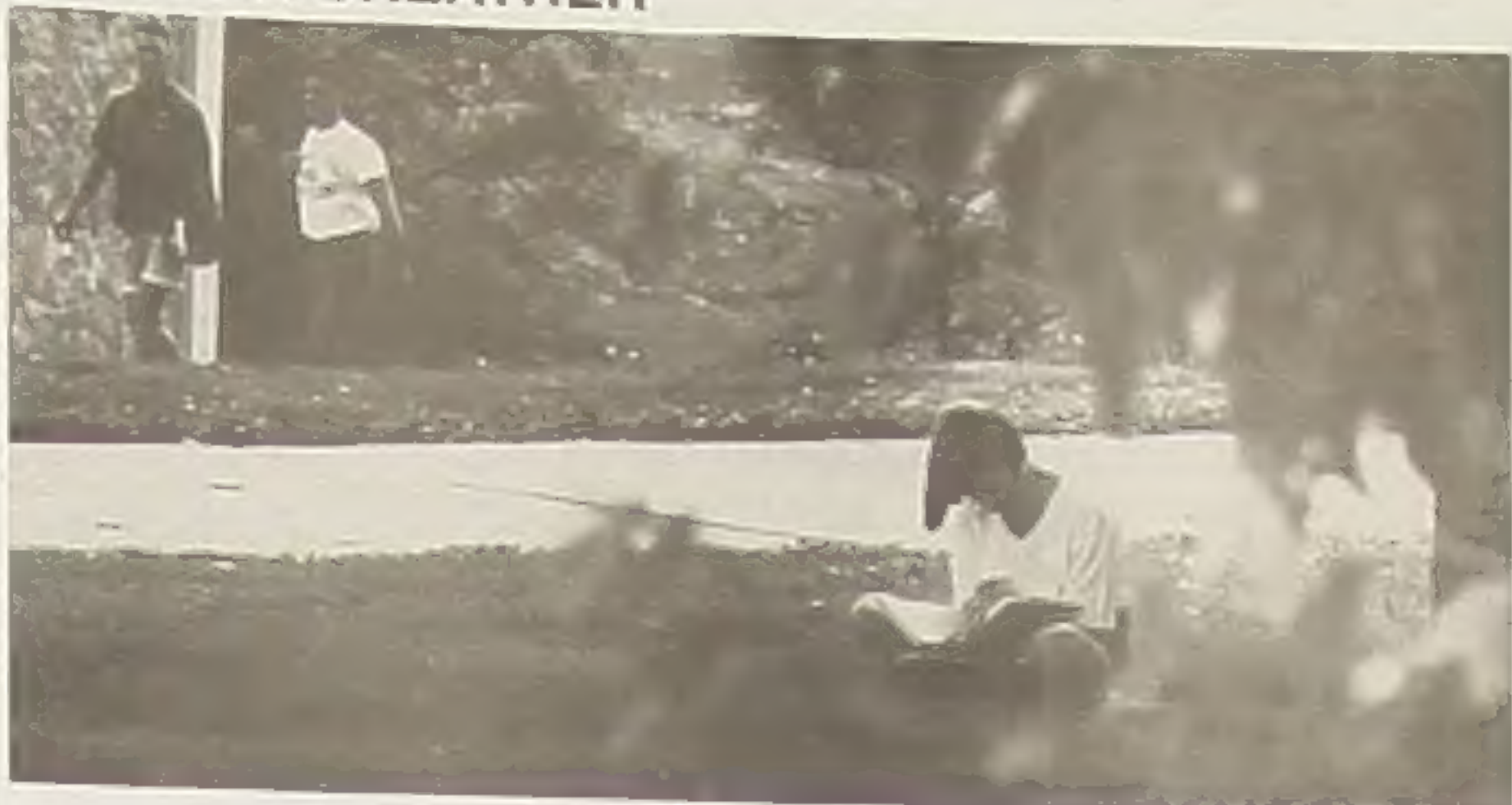
Gwen Hunt, director of public information, said the ceremony will be moved indoors if the weather is bad.

If the weather interferes, the ceremony will be divided into two parts in Taylor Auditorium.

Graduates of the School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Technology will be given their diplomas at 10 a.m. The School of Business Administration and the School of Education will have a ceremony at noon.

Wilson has agreed to speak at both ceremonies should that be necessary.

TAKING A BREATHER



Holly Campbell, freshman accounting major, takes a study break Wednesday afternoon near the library.

T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

BILLINGSLY STUDENT CENTER

Senate photocopier source of problems

By MARNIE CROW

ASSISTANT EDITOR

Recently, the copier in the Lion's Den has been the subject of many student complaints.

"Paper jamming, incorrect change, and poor copies" have been the most common gripes, said Larry Seneker, Student Senate president.

Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities, said the copier was not as reliable as the others on campus.

"We'll be lucky to get one that is as good as the one in the business office," she said. "We just have to keep our fingers crossed."

Dan Darbey of Copy System Inc., the company that supplies the copier in Billingsly and three others on campus, said the problems may have been the result of a short circuit.

The problems have forced the Senate to make up the difference in what it costs to provide the copier.

Darbey said Senate is billed \$100 per month for the machine, and any profits made are split evenly

between the Senate and Copy Systems.

Last month, the copier generated only \$33, leaving Senate to fork over the remaining \$67.

The copier was replaced for the second time last Wednesday.

"We've had two [copiers] so far," Carlisle said. "Maybe the third one will be the charm."

Seneker said the new copier will have a two-month trial period before a final decision is made.

"We're going to wait and see," he said. "If the revenue doesn't go up, we will probably send it back."

CAMPUS HISTORY

Pictorial directory now on sale

In this "throw-away era," Missouri Southern is announcing an effort to preserve a significant symbol of its past. Future generations soon will have an opportunity to observe, as well as read about, the earliest days of Southern.

Proceeds of the sale of the Southern pictorial history book, *In Pursuit of Excellence—MSSC 1937-1992*, will be used to restore the 70-year-old Spanish California-style mansion used as the Mission Hills Farm home before the College was established. The announcement was made by College President Dr. Julio Leon and members of the Southern Pictorial History Committee.

Preliminary plans call for the restored home to provide a setting for a variety of special events. In the future, applications may be made to have the mansion named to the National Historical Society Registry.

The 11-room mansion was built in the 1920s by Bick Buchanan, a successful mine operator and builder of the Joplin Stockyards. In 1964, after \$305,000 was raised during a 60-day fund drive, the College purchased 230 acres, including the Mission Hills Farm home, as a site for the new college campus. The College campus was located in the corner of Eighth and Wall streets before moving to its present site.

Cost of the hardcover books is \$29.95 or \$49.95 for a leather-bound edition.

Persons should add \$5 for shipping and handling for each book ordered. Books purchased after July 1, if available, will be \$32.95 and for the leather-bound, \$54.95, plus shipping. Orders may be mailed to Missouri Southern State College, MSSC Pictorial History Committee, 3950 East Newman Road, Joplin, MO 64801-1595.

The book's author is G.K. (Gail) Renner, retired Southern professor. It will be published by Donning Publishing.

Renner calls his efforts on the book "a pioneering work because up to this point there has been no real history of the College, only segments."

The pictorial history of the College will include some never-before-published photographs. Highlighting the history and growth of a major institution in the Four States, the book is being underwritten by the Missouri Southern Foundation.

Renner has written articles for numerous publications, including *Missouri Historical Review* and the *Encyclopedia of Southern History*.

He also was co-author of *Joplin: From Mining Town To Urban Center, An Illustrated History*, published in 1985. He earned his undergraduate degree from Southwest Missouri State University and master's degrees in history and education, as well as a doctorate in history, from the University of California-Berkeley and at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

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